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STRIPES Project Re-Launched

The Strategic Integrated Procurement Enterprise System (STRIPES) Project, a core component of the I-MANAGE Program, has recently been re-launched. When it is deployed in FY 2008, STRIPES will standardize Department-wide procurement and financial assistance activities with modern technology.

STRIPES has several benefits over our current redundant, non-integrated procurement systems including increased employee productivity; improved quality of the final product; increased process speed and accuracy; increased vendor participation (especially small businesses); improved record keeping and data analysis opportunities; enhanced information benefits to the public; and, improved security and interoperability with other internal and external systems. Specifically, STRIPES will meet these goals by implementing the following improvements:

- Improve and standardize business processes
- Reduce manual, labor-intensive, and redundant processes
- Improve timeliness and accuracy for procurement transactions
- Include support for an integrated policy, planning, and budgeting process
- Assure reliable and accurate DOE-wide procurement-related financial information
- Improve customer service
- Lower purchasing costs (reduced cost-to-spend ratio)
- Enhance competition between vendors (and potentially increase opportunities for small businesses)
- Simplify comparison and analysis of bids and proposals
- Reduce maintenance and operations costs and inventories
- Promote “one face” to industry
- Support the President’s Management Agenda (PMA) objective, Expanding Electronic Government
- Enhance professional development opportunities for contracting professionals

In the upcoming months, the STRIPES Team will be reaching outreach as part of the project re-launch efforts. If you would like to be added to the STRIPES Team e-mail list, to receive the most current information about STRIPES, please send an e-mail to STRIPES@hq.doe.gov with the word “subscribe” in the subject line.

For more information about the I-MANAGE Program, check out the website at:
<http://www.mbe.doe.gov/me2-5/i-manage/>

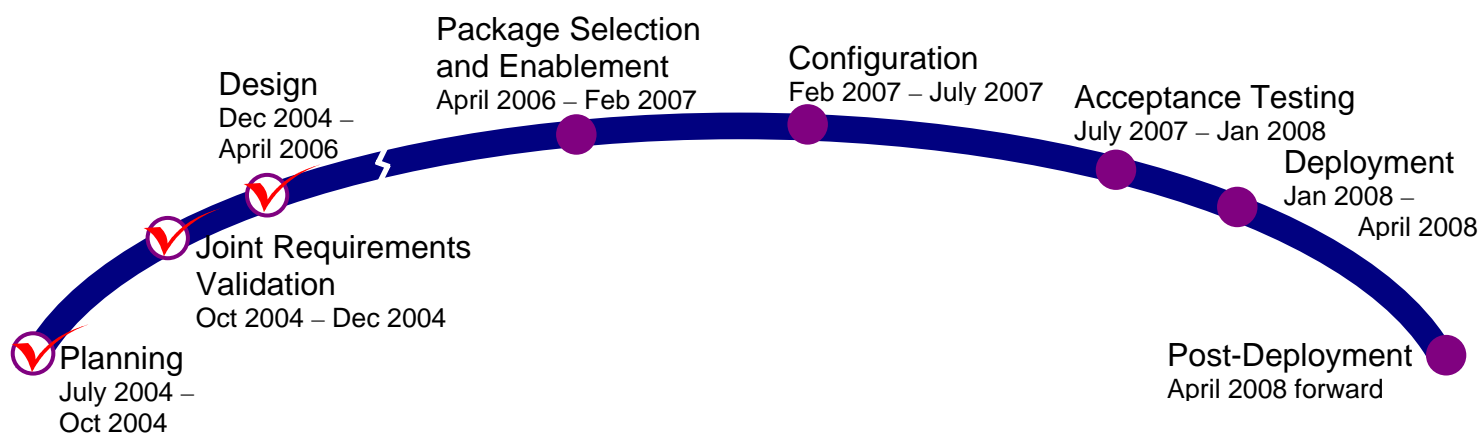
Validating STRIPES' Requirements

In late 2004, the STRIPES Project Management Team (PMT) completed a comprehensive joint requirements definition process, in order to draft the functional (business) and non-functional (technical) requirements for an electronic acquisition and financial assistance solution. Criteria were derived from these requirements on which to evaluate software vendors. As part of the joint requirements definition, the PMT completed five workshops in the field, one at headquarters and two via video-conference. The workshops were designed to capture requirements from the Department's acquisition, financial assistance, budget and finance communities. Once all of the criteria were captured, they were separated out into three categories: Requirements, Value-Adds, and Discards. Requirements and Value-Adds became the foundation to develop the Requirements Baseline for the STRIPES Project. Discards may be added back into the project scope at a later time, but were not required for instant requirements development and vendor evaluation. Each procurement director, servicing DOE's various program offices, concurred on these requirements and the PMT was poised to begin the solution selection process; however, due to reallocation of I-MANAGE funding, these efforts were deferred.

The PMT has begun strategically revisiting the requirements baseline from 2004 to ensure that 1) it still meets the required and value-added needs of our users and 2) it complies with the latest federal standards and industry best practices. Warren Huffer, the I-MANAGE Program Executive recently noted that, "the STRIPES Team appears to be right on target with their efforts to re-validate our Department-wide requirements. I look forward to seeing a demonstration of the system's capabilities when it is available." The PMT plans to complete the requirements re-validation shortly and initiate the solution selection process. The timeline below provides the project's proposed schedule. More information can be obtained through any of the resources shown below.

STRIPES Project Proposed Schedule

Dates represent anticipated start and end dates for each phase



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